

**National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
Closure Memo**

Date: August 5, 2013

Project: Beardsley Zoo's "Trout in the Classroom" (CT)
Number: 1401.11.028712
Grantee: Connecticut Zoological Society, Inc.

Project Description: The project will engage students and the public to learn about the interrelationship between Long Island Sound and the lower Pequonnock River through the raising and release of brook and brown trout through 2 signs at the Zoo, e-newsletters, partner websites, and public access cable.

Final Products: *(The objectives for this grant, and the extent to which they were met):*

Completed 16 workshops/classes from three schools serving minority underserved community.

Released 30 trout, the highest rate of successful trout release in the state according to CT DEEP.

Re-introduced a native species extirpated from the Pequonnock River over the past 200 years.

Recorded and posted the trout release onto You Tube, and students served as ambassadors to the public during Zoo visitor hours throughout the project period. The video showcasing the TIC trout can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=laUTA9ZetGA>.

One sign and a public exhibit were developed during the project period.

An update on the program and its results was included in the Zoo's newsletter

NFWF award: \$7,000.00
NFWF funds spent: \$7,000.00
Match requirement: \$14,000.00
Match spent: \$13,950.00